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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT PROMOTING VOTING SYSTEM ACCURACY, INTEGRITY
AND SECURITY THROUGH VOTER-VERIFIED PERMANENT
RECORDS OR HARD COPIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-242 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) A voting machine approved by the Secretary of the State shall be
4 so constructed as to provide facilities for voting for the candidates of at
5 least nine different parties or organizations. It shall permit voting in
6 absolute secrecy. It shall be provided with a lock by means of which
7 any illegal movement of the voting or registering mechanism is
8 absolutely prevented. Such machine shall be so constructed that an
9 elector cannot vote for a candidate or on a proposition for whom or on
10 which he is not lawfully entitled to vote.

11 (b) It shall be so constructed as to prevent an elector from voting for
12 more than one person for the same office, except when he is lawfully
13 entitled to vote for more than one person for that office, and it shall
14 afford him an opportunity to vote for only as many persons for that

15 office as he is by law entitled to vote for, at the same time preventing
 16 his voting for the same person twice. It shall be so constructed that all
 17 votes cast will be registered or recorded by the machine.

18 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,
 19 the Secretary of the State may approve a voting machine which
 20 requires the elector in the polls to place his ballot into the recording
 21 device and which meets the voluntary performance and test standards
 22 for voting systems adopted by the Federal Election Commission on
 23 January 25, 1990, as amended from time to time, and regulations which
 24 the Secretary of the State may adopt in accordance with the provisions
 25 of chapter 54, provided the voting machine shall (1) warn the elector of
 26 overvotes, (2) not record overvotes and (3) not record more than one
 27 vote of an elector for the same person for an office.

28 (d) A voting machine approved by the Secretary of the State for an
 29 election or primary held on or after January 1, 2006, shall also be so
 30 constructed as to produce an individual, permanent, voter-verified
 31 paper record for each elector casting a vote on the machine. Each such
 32 record shall (1) be suitable for a manual audit and equivalent or
 33 superior to a paper ballot for the purposes of any such manual audit,
 34 (2) be made available for inspection and verification by the elector at
 35 the time the elector casts his or her vote, (3) be preserved within the
 36 polling place in the same manner in which paper ballots are required
 37 under this title to be preserved for any manual audit, and (4) be
 38 available as an official record and be the official record used for any
 39 recanvass conducted under chapter 148 with respect to the election or
 40 primary in which the machine is used. The voting machine shall also
 41 be so constructed as to provide the elector with an opportunity to
 42 correct any error made by the machine before the record is preserved
 43 for use in any manual audit.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

Statement of Purpose:

To require any new voting machine to be constructed so as to produce an individual, permanent, voter-verified paper record for each elector casting a vote on the machine.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]